श्री सुब्रह्मण्यम स्वामी : अध्यक्ष महोदय, हमारा कर्तव्य है कि इसमें हम संतुलन रखें और निर्यात भी करें और देश की आवश्यकताओं को पूरा कैसे करें उस पर हम विचार कर रहे हैं । लेकिन उनका जो दूसरा प्रश्न है उसका माननीय वित्त मंत्री जी ही जवाब दे सकते हैं, मैं नहीं दे सकता हूं ।

श्री मोहम्मद अमीन : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं आपके जरिये मंत्री जी से यह जानना चाहता हूं कि कभी-कभी अखबारों में यह खबर पढ़ने को आती है कि एयरपोर्ट पर या सड़क स्मगल्ड किया गया सोना पकड़ा गया । अक्सर यह खबर आती हैं और लोग अरैस्ट भी होते हैं । इस स्मगल किए हुए सोने का धंधा बहुत बड़े पैमाने पर भारत में चल रहा है । तो क्या सरकार अब तक किसी ऐसे गैंग का सुराग लगा सकी है ?

श्री सुब्रह्मण्यम स्वामी : यह सवाल भी प्रश्न 104 के अंतर्गत आता है इसलिए वित्त मंत्री जी ही इसका जवाब दे सकते हैं ।

श्री सभापति : स्मगलर्स को पकड़ना वित्त मंत्री का काम है, इनका नहीं है ।

*102. *[The questioner {Shri Santosh Bagrodia) was absent. For answer,* vide *col_* 33-34 infra.]

Setting; -up of an Institute of Coffee Technology

*103. SHRI JITENDRABHAI LABH-SHANKER BHATT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to set up an Institute of Coffee Technology and also to amend the Coffee Act of 1942; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW & JUSTICE (SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY): (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) and (b) An idea of establishing a Centre for Advanced Coffee Technology, as a joint venture involving the Centre for Technology Development, the Coffee Board, Government of India and coffee related industries has been mooted and in this regard the Government has no proposal for the amendment of the Coffee Act.

SHRI JITENDRABHAI LABH-SHANKER BHATT; Will the hon-Minister be pleased to state how much coffee is produced in the country during the last two years and what 's the export during the last two years?

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: The supplementary does not arise from this question. This relates to the proposal to set up an Institute of Coffee Technology. If he gives me a separate notice, I will be happy to give him the statistics.

MR. CHAIRMAN: He is asking for production of coffee. What will your Institute do? What for are you having this Institute?

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: It is a question from you, not from him.

MR. CHAIRMAN; How it will be produced, how it can be sold, these are related questions.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: It is a question from you and in re~ ply to your question...

MR. CHAIRMAN; Not my question.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: It is because he has not asked that question.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I permitted him to put a supplementary nnd you took my job and you said that it does not arise. So, I made it clear that it does
nrise.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: His amended supplementary I will answer as follows;

A contre for advanced coffee technology has been mooted to carry out market-oriented applied research on coffee in the following fields:

Post-harvest technology; development of advanced technology in coffee, roasting grinding and packaging; coffee brewing technology; formulation of value-added coffee products and speciality coffees.

SHIU V. NARAYANASAMY: He has not answered the basic question about production and export.

AIR. CHAIRMAN; He has answered. He has said what the Institute will do. He has said that the Institute will loo^ into the jobs like roasting, packaging and all that.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY; Production is the basic question. The Minister has to answer.

MR. CHAIRMAN; The Minister has to answer many things but here he is to answer the supplementary only.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: It is relevant, About production and export the Minister should say without even going through the records.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please take your seat. Are you putting another supplementary? Shri Ramachandran.

SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will this coffee technology institute which you have proposed involve promotion of production of coffee or mere promotion of marketing?

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Sir, the object of this Institute is to suggest ways, how production can be improved and now efficient production can be made possible. It will also be concerned with the marketing, processing and all other ramifications of coffee so that our coffee production can prosper.

Seizure of Gold Biscuits

*104. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister cf FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether officials of the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence seized gold biscuits worth Rs. 68 crores from the toilet of an aircraft of Singapore Airlines in New Delhi on the 7th December, 1990;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and whether any arrests have been made in this connection; and

(c) what action is contemplated against the persons apprehended?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Officers of the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence effected a seizure of 20 foreign marked gold slabs each weighing one kilogram approximately, collectively valued at Rs. 69 lakhs approximately (hot Rs. 68 crores) from behind the Oxygen Mask Chamber of the Toilet No. 'H of Singapore Airlines flight No. SQ— 02-f which had arrived at Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi on 7th December, 1990. Seven persons have been arrested and investigations are in progress. Action as provided under the law will be taken against them.

SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: What is the total quantity of the gold seized in different airports of the country in the years 1989 and 1990 and what are the details ?

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: The quantity in 1989 was 8215 kgs. of gold. The quantity in 1990 was 5, 475 kilograms of gold.

SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Sir, my second supplementary would be, what is the allocation of the gold to the jewellery makers in this year?